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# MINUTES.

## SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

RANKIN COUNTY, OCT. 21st, 1871.

The HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened this day in her Twenty-second Annual meeting, with Rehoboth Church, in accordance with adjournment.

The regular appointee, Eld. Barrett, not being present, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. Wm. Denson, from Isaiah, 35th Chapter, 8th, 9th and 10th verses.

After services, took recess for an hour, during which all partook of a bountiful repast, furnished on the ground.

### AFTERNOON.

The Body was called together by singing. Prayer by Eld Wm. McMurtray.

The Moderator then called the Association to order. Brethren Whitfield and Butler were appointed Reading-Clerks; Letters were read from twenty-one churches, twenty were represented by Delegates. The names of Delegates enrolled and opportunity being given for petitionary letters; two new churches applied (Pelahatchie and New Hope,) through their Delegates, for admission. Their respective Letters with Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum being read and approved. Those churches were duly received, and the right hand of Fellowship extended by the Moderator, in behalf of Association.

Eld. Whitfield and Bro. Finley were appointed Tellers. Proceeded to ballot for Officers.

*Resolved*, That the rules be suspended in regard to Treasurer, and that Bro. W. W. Nichols be re-elected by acclamation.

The Tellers reported Bro. Barnett, elected Moderator, and F. C. Davis, Clerk; said officers continued duties and business proceeded; call for correspondence from other bodies; Eld. E. Smith



and Bro. Green Allen came forward and presented themselves from Kosciusko Association; were received and welcomed.

Eld. Simms presented himself with Package of Minutes, from Mt. Pisgah Association; was welcomed to sit with us.

Eld. Giddens, with letter, from Strong River Association, was received and welcomed.

Bro. Louis Finley, from Central Association, was received and welcomed to a seat with us.

Bro. Martin, as Messenger from Mississippi College, Board of Ministerial Education, and State Convention, was received and welcomed. Was also invited to address the Body in the interest of the Mississippi College.

#### Appointment of Committees.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Bro's. J. N. Nichols, E. Williams, Wm. Cockraft, with the Deacons of this church.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—Bro's. G. H. Butler, R. W. Nichols, B. S. Rushing.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE—Bro's. J. C. Denson, A. J. Tripp, J. Treadwell.

ON STATE OF RELIGION—Bro's. W. W. Eley, W. R. Turner, P. H. Bilbro.

ON PETITIONS AND REQUEST—Bro's. S. C. Billingslea, B. T. Mitchell, I. Gay.

ON NOMINATIONS—Eld's. J. M. Pearson, J. Rushing, Bro. A. J. Barrow.

ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Eld's. M. B. Maum, Wm. Denson, P. M. Gaddis.

ON PUBLICATION—Eld's. McMurtray, Bro's. J. N. Nichols, S. C. Billingslea.

ON MISSIONS—Eld's. J. M. Pearson, Bro's. G. W. Goldsby, A. C. Parker.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Bro's. G. W. Davis, Ira Sprouse, Eld. W. S. Rushing.

ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE—Eld. McMurtray, Bro's. J. C. McBeth, O. H. Parker.

ON QUERY 1st—From Doakes Creek church,—Eld's. M. B. Maum, J. M. Pearson, Bro. J. W. Bilbro.

ON QUERY 2nd—From same,—Eld's. McMurtray, P. M. Gaddis, Bro. J. H. Butler.

Committee on Religious Exercises, reported that Eld. Giddens preach in the house and Eld. Whitfield at the stand, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Eld. McMurtray at the stand and Eld. Smith in the house in the afternoon; received and adopted.

Adjourned to meet at half-past 8 o'clock, Monday morning.

## SABBATH EXERCISES.

There was only service at the stand, Eld. Giddens preached an interesting and feeling sermon, from 1st Peter, 4th Chapter, 18th verse.

Eld. Whitfield followed in a few remarks as to effective Ministerial labor, closing by an appeal in behalf of Missions.

The Moderator then announced a Collecting Committee. A collection was taken up when \$23 40 was reported as result.

Just before afternoon services, Bro. Martin, of Mississippi College delivered an address in behalf of that Institution. A collection was taken up which with a previous one resulted in receipt of some \$240 mostly in subscription.

Eld. Smith preached an interesting doctrinal sermon, from 1st Corinthians, 10th Chapter, 23d verse.

## MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Association met according to appointment. Prayer by Eld. J. Rushing.

Roll called, nearly all the Delegates present.

Minutes read and adopted.

Bro. Barnett and Eld. Gaddis received as Delegates, representing the State Convention, presented to the Body a package of Minutes of State Convention.

Rules of Decorum read by the Moderator.

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed on Deceased Ministers: Bro's. Norman and Robbins, Eld. Wm. Denson, were appointed said Committee.

**Reports of Committees.****COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.**

We, your Committee beg leave to make the following report:

*For Executive Board.*

D. J. BARNETT, Chairman,  
F. C. DAVIS, Clerk,  
W. W. NICHOLS, Treasurer.

Eld's. Wm. McMurtray, R. G. Barnett, T. E. Morris, P. M. Gaddis, R. A. Whitfield, M. B. Maum, Bro's. Wm. Cockraft, J. W. Bilbro, O. H. Parker, S. C. Billingslea, P. H. Bilbro, W. R. Graves, I. N. Nichols, Isaac Treadwell.

We recommend Eld. James Marshall to preach the next Introductory sermon, Eld. R. A. Whitfield, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PEARSON, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD ON HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

The Chairman of Executive Board, begs leave to report:

Your Board was unable to obtain a Quorum on account of high water and bad roads, although we had three previous appointments, until Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July, met at Pensacola church. A quorum being present, we appointed Eld. J. M. Pearson, Missionary to labor all his time from that date until the next meeting of your Body. Your Board held a meeting at this place on Friday night last, for the purpose of receiving the report of said Missionary, which is as follows:

He commenced his labors the 16th of August, and visited the neighborhood of Old Pleasant Grove, spent about two weeks there in August and Sept., constituted a church of twenty-two members under the name of New Hope. She afterwards received three by letter and seven by Baptism. The church held conference called a supply and appointed two Messengers to bear a petitionary letter to your Body for admission.

He spent one week in the neighborhood of Old Harmony church, now disorganized, and Preached twice, found a few Missionary Baptists there, anxious for preaching; met with encouragement everywhere by the people; spent a few days at and about Pleasant Hill church; preached four times with good effect, visited Forest Grove neighborhood three times, and spent thirteen days there; found an interesting Baptist element, and a few Baptists holding letters. The people generally anxious for Baptist preaching. An efficient Minister could do much good there.

SUMMARY.—Traveled 406 miles, visited 82 families, delivered 16 addresses, preached 20 sermons, constituted one church, spent in service of Board 37 days at three dollars per day, amounting to \$111, which your Board has ordered to be paid out of Missionary fund on hand.

From the report of Missionary we are satisfied that much good has been done, and would respectfully ask the churches composing your Body to bestir themselves to greater diligence in sustaining your Board by a more liberal contribution for Home Missions, so that an able Missionary might be kept in the field all the year. We are of opinion that the field known as Forest Grove, should be occupied by an able and prudent Minister, as his position will constantly bring him in contact with Catholics and Pedo Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. BARNETT, Chairman.

Received and adopted.



**Report on Mississippi College.**

Your Committee to whom was referred the work to make a report on Mississippi College, located at Clinton would respectfully submit the following:

While we utterly disclaim the intent of casting any reflection upon an uneducated Ministry; for in so doing we would condemn ourselves; we believe there is a great necessity for an educated Ministry, for the world is educating, and the great enemy of soul's liberty is education, and we must meet education with education. Therefore, we would urge the necessity of sustaining Southern Literary Institutions already existing, and the establishment of others when practicable, and especially an earnest co-operation of Baptists with the agents of Mississippi College, to redeem her from her present financial embarrassments, and place her free from enthrallment, in the hands of the Mississippi State Convention, for which we would recommend the raising of funds in cash and subscription, to be placed in the hands of the Pastors of the respective churches, where the subscribers reside, and by them forwarded to Bro. M. T. Martin, at Clinton, by the 1st of January, 1872, by him to be applied for the redemption of the College, otherwise to be by him refunded to the respective donors.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. McMURTRAY, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

**Report on Queries.**

Your Committee on Query 1st, from Doakes Creek Church; "Does the New Testament Scriptures tolerate dancing or playing twistification at parties or balls, by members of the Baptist church, and should members of the church tolerate it in their houses. If so, point out the scriptures, and if not, what course should a Baptist church pursue with her members for so acting," desire to report: That it is our opinion of the teachings of the New Testament that dancing or twistification is not tolerated, and that members of the Baptist church who engage in the same are in disorder and should be held amenable to the church, or any members suffering the same in their houses should be required to make acknowledgment for the wrong, and make solemn promise to discontinue the practice. If the offending parties would not comply with the above requirements, the church should withdraw fellowship from them.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. MAUM, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the Query No. 2, from Doakes Creek, "Is it a violation of Baptist Doctrine as

taught in the New Testament for members of the Baptist church to commune with Pedo Baptists. If so, what course should a Baptist church pursue toward her members for so doing;" beg leave to submit the following report: In as much as Christ sent his messenger, John the Baptist, into the world to make ready a people prepared for the Lord, by preaching the Baptism of repentance and to Baptize in water all those who brought forth fruit meet for repentance, Matthew, 3rd Chapter, and 6th verse, Mark, 1st Chapter, and 5th verse, of whom Christ constituted His church at Jerusalem in the days of Herod and the Cæsars, of which He is the Head, to which He gave ordinances and required us to keep them as they were delivered, 1st Corinthians, 11th Chapter, and 2nd verse. And inasmuch as Christ is the only law-giver, Isaiah, 32d Chapter and 22nd verse, James, 4th Chapter and 12th verse, and gave these laws for the government of His body by the inspiration of His spirit, which are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.— And commanded his Apostles to "teach the people to observe all things whatsoever I here command you" and has commanded us saying "see thou make all things according to the pattern shown thee in the mount." Baptism and the Lords supper are positive laws, the one consequent upon the other. Repentance, Mathew 3rd Chapter and 8th verse, Mark 1st Chapter and 15th verse, and Faith, and the putting off the old man with his deeds, and the putting on of the new man Christ Jesus, Colossians, 3rd Chapter, and 9-10 verse, 2nd Corinthians, 5th Chapter and 17th verse, are pre-requisite to Baptism, Acts, 2nd Chapter, 38th verse, Mark, 16th Chapter and 16th verse, Matthew, 3rd Chapter and 8th verse.

The aid of the spirit in order to a discernment of the Kingdom of Heaven, John, 3rd Chapter, 3rd verse, all of which are necessary to Baptism, and Baptism in order to visible church membership, John, 3rd Chapter and 5th verse—and membership in order to Communion, Matthew, 26th Chapter and 28th verse, "I will eat the Passover with my Disciples," Mark, 14th Chapter and 14th verse—Luke 22nd Chapter and 11th verse—Acts 20th Chapter and 7th verse. Baptism teaches the Resurrection from the dead, Romans 6th Chapter and 4th verse—Colossians 2nd Chapter and 12th verse 1st Peter, 3rd Chapter, 2nd and 10th verses, and initiates into the visible Kingdom of Christ, John 3rd Chapter and 5th verse—Sprinkling and pouring do not therefore, we answer your Query affirmatively, and all Baptist so doing are in same disorder with Pedo Baptist, who walk not according to the tradition received from Christ and His Apostles—2nd Thessalonians, 3rd Chapter 6th verse, and are partakers with them in their evil deeds, John 2nd Chapter and 2nd verse—for which they ought to be admonished 1st, Galatians, 6th Chapter, and if still presistent the

church ought to withdraw from such, 2nd Thessalonians, 3rd Chapter and 6th verse—Titus, 3rd Chapter and 10th verse. "Him that is an heretic after the first and second admonition, reject."

All of which are respectfully submitted,

WM. McMURTRAY, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

### Report on Petitions and Requests.

Your Committee on Petitions and Requests, beg leave to report: First in answer to post script to letter from Jerusalem church, which is as follows:

"DEAR BRETHREN—By your act of last Association in appendix J, we think our Body was done injustice, and while upon inquiring on the part of our Representatives, you disclaimed any intention of casting reflections upon this church, or by the adoption of that report to declare Jerusalem church in disorder, and we ask in justice to ourselves inasmuch as such declarations on your part did not appear in the Minutes of the past year, that such disavowal, be spread on your present Minutes; Brethren we ask this in simple justice, and with no desire to produce contentions or strife, but that we may be set right before the world; for without some such explanation on your part, we will be exposed to the stigmas of the enemies of Jerusalem church, for all time to come. If Brethren, your intentions are to censure us, we ask an investigation in accordance with Article VII of Constitution.—That we may have an opportunity to be heard in our defense before the Association and the world. By order of the church."

H. B. LEE,

T. J. DENSON,

J. N. DENSON,

} Committee.

We think that Answer to Query from Friendship Church on last meeting of this Body, is in accordance with the spirit and letter of the scriptures. But as the Jerusalem church did not retain such a member in fellowship, we think it inexpedient to take further action in the case. That we recommend the next meeting of this Body to be with Good Hope Church, Madison county.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. BILLINGSLEA, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

### Report on Missions.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Missions, beg leave to report:

The subject of Missions is one of much importance to the human family, and the duty of every christian to aid in spreading the Gospel, is so fully and clearly set forth in the Scriptures of



Divine Truth; that it is criminal in every one who refuses or neglects to aid in some way, as the Lord has blessed them. That God has ordained to carry on his work, for the salvation of the children of men through instrumentality, none will, we presume, have the hardihood to deny. The Apostle says, in 1st Corinthians, 1st Chapter, 21st Verse, that "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Again, in Romans, 10th Chapter, 13th and 15th Verses: "For whomsoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" The Apostle, in 2d Corinthians, 10th Chapter, 13th and 16th Verses, teaches that God has given to his people a rule by which the Gospel shall be preached in destitute places; that is to say, that where a people have received the Gospel and Christ is formed in them the hope of glory, they must and will, according to God's rule, contribute of their substance to enable the missionary to preach the gospel beyond them. The Apostle was thus encouraged by others to preach the gospel to the Corinthians, when they were in darkness. See 2d Cor., 11th chapter, 8th verse, he says, I robbed other churches, taking wages of them to do you service. Thus it was no doubt that Paul and Barnabas, who were sent out as missionaries by the church at Antioch, were sustained. See Acts, 13th ch. 1st and 3d verses. It is declared in the scriptures of Divine Truth, that "There is that that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Again, "the liberal soul shall be made fat." We would refer to 2d Cor. 9th chap. 6-8v. and Malachi, 3d chap. 8-10v. Many other quotations might be cited, but we think that these are sufficient to lead the mind of the sincere christian to decide that it is beyond a doubt the duty of every believer to do something to send the gospel to the destitute.

We would therefore recommend the following: That all the ministers and messengers of this body be requested to present this subject to their respective churches, at their first church meetings, and urge upon them and continue to urge the importance of raising in cash and subscriptions, a sufficient amount to enable your Board to employ and keep in the field an efficient Missionary for his full time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PEARSON, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

**Report on Publications.**

The Committee on Publications read their report, and after several amendments, it was adopted, as follows:

Feeling the necessity of a more general circulation of a sound Baptist Literature among the people, and particularly among the Baptists, would respectfully recommend "The Baptist," published at Memphis, Tenn., as our denominational organ; also, the "Working Christian," published at Charleston, S. C. Also, "Kind Words, Child's Delight," a Sabbath School paper, published at Memphis, Tenn. "Home and Foreign Journal," and the "Orphans' Home Banner," as publications worthy of the patronage of Baptist throughout the State and World. Inasmuch as many of the publications of the "American Baptist Publication Society" are objectionable, owing to the admixture of politics and erroneous doctrine, would therefore, urge co-operation in the establishment of a Southern Baptist Publication Society, where we can have published a pure Baptist literature.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. McMURTRAY, Chairman.

*Resolved*, That an opportunity be now given to any and all persons of this Body to take shares in the South Western Baptist Publication Company, at Memphis.

**Report on Correspondence.**

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report that they have examined the Letters and Minutes of the Bodies with whom we correspond, and find nothing that claims the particular attention of this Body, except the reading of the Letters and a continuance of the friendly correspondence and Letters, with Delegates, and also the publication of our letters in our Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DENSON, Clerk.

Received and adopted.

A Letter from Strong River Association was read by the Clerk.

**Report on Sabbath Schools.**

The Church having failed to send up statistics, the Committee are unable to report but one Sabbath School in our midst, which is at Mt. Pisgah, its statistics are as follows: Pupils, 30; Superintendents, 1; Teachers, 5; Librarian, 1. We seriously regret we can record no more. We would again urge upon the Churches the necessity of establishing Sabbath Schools, and that more attention be given to this important duty. As it is well known to every Bible reader to be a duty to educate the young in the way they should go. It should be the desire of every brother to feed

the dear little lambs of the flock. This cannot be done as well in any other way as in Sabbath Schools.

Whereas, we believe the Sabbath School to be a blessing to the church and community, we do earnestly call upon every Pastor and Messenger of this Body to go to work immediately, that schools may be organized; and the Churches be urged to send up their reports with statistics to this Association, at its next sitting, and also give the number of volumes in Library.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DAVIS, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of one be appointed in each Church to co-operate with their church in organizing a Sabbath School, if not one already existing, and report the result at our next session.

With the assistance of the Delegates the Chair made the following appointments in accordance with the resolution.

Antioch.....	Bro. Robert Redding.
Centre Hill.....	Bro. Wm. Cockraft.
Canaan.....	Bro. Z. Stewart.
Doakes Creek.....	Bro. J. N. Nichols.
Fellowship.....	Bro. S. H. Horn.
Friendship.....	Bro. F. C. Davis.
Good Hope, Madison Co.,.....	Bro. J. F. Kernop.
Hays Creek.....	Bro. O. Parker.
Jerusalem.....	Bro. T. J. Denson, Sr.
Mt Carmel.....	Bro. Joseph Rodgers.
Mt. Pisgah.....	Bro. S. C. Billingslea.
Mt. Zion.....	Bro. Joseph Henry.
Good Hope, Leake Co.,.....	Bro. H. Collier.
New Prospect.....	Bro. W. Robbins.
Pelahatchie.....	Bro. C. C. Sims.
Pleasant Hill.....	Bro. W. Gill.
Rehoboth.....	Bro. L. B. Bilbro, Jr.
Salem.....	Bro. W. R. Graves.
Hebron.....	Bro. Lenard Lee.
Fannin.....	Bro. J. F. Norman.
Bethlehem.....	Bro. Ira Sprouse.
New Hope.....	Bro. T. J. Hamilton.

#### Report on State of Religion.

We offer the following report:

Antioch—Much revived, and several additions.

Bethlehem—Greatly revived with many additions.

Centre Hill—Much revived and many additions.

Canaan—Peace and harmony prevail.

Doakes Creek—Nothing cheering to report.



Fellowship—Complains of coldness and desires your prayers.  
 Friendship—Much revived and many additions.  
 Fannin—In peace, with few accessions.  
 Good Hope, Madison Co.—Greatly revived and many additions.  
 Good Hope, Leake Co.—Greatly revived and many additions.  
 Hays Creek—Complains of coldness and desires an interest in your prayers.  
 Hebron—In peace among themselves.  
 Jerusalem—Greatly revived with many additions.  
 Mt. Carmel—Peace and harmony prevail.  
 Mt. Pisgah—Greatly revived with many additions.  
 Mt. Zion—In peace and ask the prayers of the Association.  
 New Prospect—Much revived and several additions.  
 New Hope—Ask the prayers of the Association.  
 Pensacola—Have had some additions.  
 Pleasant Hill—Somewhat revived and ask your prayers.  
 Pelahatchie—All in peace with ourselves.  
 Rehoboth—At peace and in harmony among themselves.  
 Salem—Much revived and some additions.  
 Thomastown—Much revived and some additions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. ELEY, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

### **Report on Ministerial Education.**

We desire to report that in consideration of the present advanced stage of science and literature, the importance and indispensable necessity of teachers in Israel having their natural talent improved by thorough education, both literary and theological in order to meet education with education and successfully to combat error with truth and check the encroachments of Romanism and-tyranny. We would therefore recommend that the respective churches of this Body inquire diligently for gifts in their midst, that they encourage the same and take the most active steps to raise funds for their immediate and liberal scholastic preparation for the great field of labor. We also recommend that the churches of this Body give themselves heartily to the great and glorious work of raising funds for the furtherance of the cause of Christ on earth. We further recommend that each Minister in this Association become a voluntary agent for raising funds for Ministerial Education. Also, that churches be very cautious in putting forward young brethren and recommending them for public education.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. MAUM, Chairman.

**Report on Finance.***For Associational Purposes.*

CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.	CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Antioch,.....	\$3 00	Bethlehem,.....	\$3 75
Center Hill,.....	5 00	Canaan,.....	4 00
Doakes Creek,....	5 75	New Hope,.....	5 00
Fellowship,.....	7 30	Friendship,.....	8 00
Good Hope, Mad.	3 75	Hays Creek,.....	4 00
Jerusalem,.....	5 00	Mt. Carmel,.....	5 00
Mt. Pisgah,.....	5 00	Mt. Zion,.....	3 00
Good Hope, Leake	8 00	New Prospect,.....	9 00
Pelahatchie,.....	5 85	Pleasant Hill,....	4 00
Rehoboth,.....	6 00	Salem,.....	5 00
Thomastown,.....	4 00	Hebron,.....	5 20
Fannin,.....	5 00	Pensacola,.....	3 00
Total,.....		\$122 60	

*For Home Missions*

CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.	CHURCHES	AMOUNT.
Antioch,.....	\$10 00	Centre Hill,.....	\$ 5 50
Doakes Creek,....	9 20	Friendship,.....	24 25
Hays Creek,.....	5 00	Mt. Pisgah,.....	5 30
Mt. Zion,.....	5 60	Good Hope, Leake	13 25
Rehoboth,.....	4 75	Thomastown,.....	4 00
Hebron,.....	4 00	Total,.....	
Total,.....		\$ 90 85	

*For Domestic Missions.*

Mt. Carmel Church,.....\$5 70

*For Elder J. Rushing.*

Jerusalem Church,.....\$1 70

*For Elder Crenshaw.*

CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.	CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Centre Hill,.....	\$10 00	Good Hope, Mad.	\$ 1 40
Jerusalem,.....	2 20	Mt. Carmel,.....	1 00
Mt. Pisgah,.....	1 80	Good Hope, Leake	12 15
Hebron,.....	1 00	Fannin,.....	7 25
Pensacola,.....	9 00	Total,.....	
Total,.....		\$ 45 80	

*For Foreign Missions.*

Mt. Pisgah Church,.....\$7 80

Collected on Lord's day for Home Missions, \$23 40.

J. H. BUTLER, Chairman.

**TREASURER'S REPORT-1870-'71.****W. W. NICHOLS, Treasurer.***In Account with Harmony Baptist Association:*

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Oct. 1870, To this amount reported from Finance Com. \$336 15

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By this amount paid Clerk of Association,.....	\$82 55
" " " Elder Crenshaw,.....	38 15
" " " Elder Rushing,.....	18 00
" " " Elder Nelson, .....	13 75
" " " State Convention,.....	15 00
" " " Treasurer's fees,.....	10 00
" " " Missionary by order of Board, 111 00	
" " on hand for Home Missions,.....	47 70
	<hr/> \$336 15

**Report on Deceased Ministers.**

The Committee on Deceased Ministers of the Gospel respectfully report one Minister of this Association as having gone to his final rest, since your last meeting. That is Elder Alfred Marshall. He has been in the ministry since 1843. He was a faithful Herald of the Cross until his death, which took place in January, 1871, in Scott county, at the residence of Elder S. J. Denson. He served one year as Moderator of this Association.

By his death the Baptist cause has lost one of its ablest defenders, the Association and church an effective co-worker in the Redeemer's cause, on earth.

Respectfully submitted.

D. ROBBINS, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That an endowment fund for the maintenance of a Missionary within our bounds for the ensuing year, be now called for, and raised by voluntary pledges, and that the Messengers from each Church are hereby made agents to bring this matter before their respective churches.

Adjourned to half-past 2 o'clock, p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

*Resolved*, That the various Pastors and Supplies in this Association recommend to their Churches the adoption of the envelope system of raising funds in said churches for various church and religious purposes, and urge the same to be continued without fail.



Ordered, That the Treasurer pay out funds in accordance with appropriations.

*Resolved*, That Elder M. B. Maum is hereby appointed Missionary, to labor his whole time in destitute places within the bounds of this Association, for the ensuing Associational year.

*Resolved*, That said Missionary be required to make quarterly reports to the Executive Board. Also, to take up collections in behalf of said Board, and report the same. Shall receive as salary \$600, which shall be paid quarterly, and that he enter upon the work as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he receive \$20 for his services. The Treasurer to receive \$10.

*Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to this church and community for the liberal and hospitable manner in which we have been sustained during our present session.

*Resolved*, That Bro. Barnett and Elder McMurtray be a Committee to confer with Forest Grove Presbyterian Church for use of House.

The Body proceeded to appoint Corresponding Messengers to other Bodies as follows :

To Mt. Pisgah Association—Eld. P. M. Gaddis, and Bro. A. J. Tripp.

To Strong River Association—Brethren J. H. Butler, I. Gay, J. H. Whitfield, and Eld. R. A. Whitfield.

To Central Association—Elder Wm. McMurtray, and Brethren D. J. Barnett, J. N. Nichols, F. C. Davis.

To Kosciusko Association—Elders Wm. McMurtray, R. G. Barnett, Breth. Wm. Cockraft, Wm. Jordan, D. G. Barnett, A. J. Tripp, Z. Stuart, J. N. Nichols, Green Allen.

To State Convention—Elders McMurtray, P. M. Gaddis, J. Rushing, and Brethren J. N. Nichols, A. J. Tripp, G. W. Davis, F. C. Davis, D. J. Barnett.

*Resolved*, That we contribute \$15 for purposes of Convention, and that the Treasurer send up said amount to next meeting of that Body.

After a pleasant session, the Association adjourned to meet with Good Hope Church, Madison county, on Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in October, 1872.

D. J. BARNETT, Moderator.

F. C. DAVIS, Clerk.

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GOOD HOPE CHURCH is 8 miles West of Thomastown, 7 miles North of Camden, and 13 miles South-east of Goodman.

# ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES,

Thomas Tucker, .....	Edinburg.
John Rushing, .....	High Hill.
S. J. Denson, .....	Ludlow.
William Denson, .....	Goshen Springs.
P. M. Gaddis, .....	Good Hope.
James Marshall, .....	Pelahatchie.
J. M. Pearson, .....	Ludlow.
Wm. McMurtray, .....	Thomastown.
Wm. Robertson, .....	Morton.
T. E. Morris, .....	Good Hope.
G. W. Burt, .....	Laurel Hill.
J. M. Russell, ..	Laurel Hill.
W. P. Dorrill, .....	
W. S. Rushing, .....	High Hill.
R. G. Barrett, .....	Carthage.
M. B. Maum, .....	Goshen Springs.
R. H. Whitfield, .....	Fannin.

## Licentiates and their Post Offices.

J. E. Pearson, .....	Ludlow.
J. C. Denson, .....	Ludlow.
A. J. Tripp, .....	Good Hope.
M. Lyle, .....	Hillsboro.
A. Cockraft, .....	Conway.
R. Milliner, .....	Conway.
G. W. Davis, .....	Goshen Springs.
P. H. Bilbro, .....	Goshen Springs.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE HARMONY

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Antioch, .....	Leake, .....	Edinburg, .....	G. W. Goldsby, Jos. H. Ward, ..
Bethesda, .....	Madison, .....	Canton, .....	.....
Brandon, .....	Rankin, .....	Brandon, .....	.....
Bethlehem, .....	Scott, .....	Morton, .....	Ira Sprouse, .....
Centre Hill, .....	Leake, .....	Conway, .....	Wm. Cockraft, I. Treadwell, W. Jordan, S. Smith, R. M. Willtams
Canaan, .....	Leake, .....	Thomastown, .....	Z. Staari, A. C. Parker, .....
Doakes Creek, .....	Madison, .....	Canton, .....	D. J. Barnett, R. W. Nichols, J. N. Nichols, .....
Fellowship, .....	Leake, .....	Damascus, .....	B/S. Rushing, J. B. Darby, .....
Friendship, .....	Leake, .....	Good Hope, .....	Eld. P. M. Gaddis, A. J. Tripp, F. C. Davis, .....
Good Hope, .....	Leake, .....	Good Hope, .....	W. W. Eley, J. W. Bilbro, .....
Good Hope, .....	Madison, .....	Camden, .....	B. T. Mitchell, W. F. McDaniel, ..
Fannin, .....	Rankin, .....	Fannin, .....	J. F. Norman, .....
Hays Creek, .....	Scott, .....	Hillsboro, .....	O. H. Parker, .....
Jerusalem, .....	Scott, .....	Ludlow, .....	J. C. Denson, R. H. Lee, W. J. Smith, .....
Liberty, .....	Rankin, .....	Brandon, .....	.....
Mt. Carmel, .....	Leake, .....	Edinburg, .....	W. R. Turner, .....
Mt. Pisgah, .....	Rankin, .....	Goshen Springs, .....	Eld. Wm. Denson, S. C. Billingslea, .....
Mt. Zion, .....	Leake, .....	High Hill, .....	Eld. John Rushing, J. A. Henry, ..
New Prospect, .....	Rankin, .....	Pelahatchie, .....	J. Gay, D. Robbins, .....
New Hope, .....	Leake, .....	Carthage, .....	Eld. W. S. Rushing, J. R. Troutman, .....
Pelahatchie, .....	Rankin, .....	Pelahatchie, .....	J. H. Butler, A. J. Barrow, .....
Pensacola, .....	Leake, .....	Carthage, .....	Letter. No Delegates, .....
Pleasant Hill, .....	Leake, .....	Carthage, .....	J. C. McBeth, Benj. O. Bannon, ..
Hebron, .....	Madison, .....	Canton, .....	J. M. Pearson, E. Williamson, ..
Rehoboth, .....	Rankin, .....	Goshen Springs, .....	Eld. M. B. Maum, T. H. Bilbro, G. W. Davis, .....
Salem, .....	Leake, .....	Carthage, .....	Letter. No Delegates, .....
Thomastown, .....	Leake, .....	Thomastown, .....	Eld. Wm. McMurtray, .....
Mt. Sinai, .....	Neshoba, .....	Dixon, .....	.....



BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR THE YEAR 1871.

Baptized.....	Received by Letter.....	Restored.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Dead.....	Total.....	Ordained Ministers.....	Licentiates.....	Time Conference.....	District.....	No. Minutes.....	PASTOR OR SUPPLY.
4	13	2	5	1	1	54	2	...	3d	2	25	G. W. Burt.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	
33	2	...	2	2	...	51	...	...	3d	1	20	P. M. Gaddis.
14	6	...	12	4	1	138	1	2	3d	2	20	E. Smith.
...	3	...	2	4	1	49	...	...	1st	2	15	W. P. Dorrill.
...	...	...	7	...	3	75	...	...	3d	2	30	T. D. Gwyn.
...	...	...	13	...	...	36	...	...	4th	3	20	W. A. Hudson.
15	3	1	...	...	3	78	1	2	2d	1	25	P. M. Gaddis.
17	12	3	6	...	...	91	1	1	4th	1	30	T. E. Morris.
28	5	3	18	1	1	82	...	...	3d	2	25	D. A. Ellington.
2	6	...	7	...	1	32	1	...	...	1	12	R. A. Whitfield.
...	3	1	8	1	...	42	...	...	3d	1	15	T. E. Morris.
12	4	...	6	1	2	88	1	1	1st	1	15	M. B. Maum.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	
2	1	...	7	2	1	54	...	...	2d	3	25	W. T. Rushing.
26	11	...	5	1	...	61	1	1	...	1	20	M. B. Maum.
6	16	...	...	...	1	64	1	...	1st	3	30	John Rushing.
9	3	...	1	...	...	40	...	...	2d	1	20	H. T. Haddick.
7	3	...	...	...	...	24	1	...	3d	3	20	W. S. Rushing.
...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	1st	1	20	J. Marshall.
12	...	...	12	2	1	79	...	...	1st	2	20	J. M. Pearson.
2	...	...	2	6	...	28	...	...	1st	3	10	
1	6	...	...	1	...	23	...	...	2d	2	12	J. M. Pearson.
...	...	...	2	1	4	88	1	2	4th	1	40	M. B. Maum.
4	3	...	3	3	...	45	...	...	4th	2	20	W. P. Dorrill.
11	1	...	6	...	1	32	1	...	2d	2	15	D. A. Ellington.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	10	
205	101	10	124	30	21	1363	13	9			544	

